

Swannanoa Palace Open House Dates 2016

- Sat, May 07, 2016 - Sun, May 08, 2016
 - 11:30 AM-5:30 PM
- Sat, May 21, 2016 - Sun, May 22, 2016
 - 11:30 AM-5:30 PM
- Sat, May 28, 2016 - Sun, May 29, 2016
 - 11:30 AM-5:30 PM
- Sat, Jun 11, 2016 - Sun, Jun 12, 2016
 - 11:30 AM-5:30 PM
- Sat, Jun 18, 2016 - Sun, Jun 19, 2016
 - 11:30 AM-5:30 PM
- Sat, Jun 25, 2016 - Sun, Jun 26, 2016
 - 11:30 AM-5:30 PM
- Sat, Jul 02, 2016 - Sun, Jul 03, 2016
 - 11:30 AM-5:30 PM
- Sat, Jul 23, 2016 - Sun, Jul 24, 2016
 - 11:30 AM-5:30 PM
- Sat, Aug 13, 2016 - Sun, Aug 14, 2016
 - 11:30 AM-5:30 PM
- Sat, Sep 03, 2016 - Sun, Sep 04, 2016
 - 11:30 AM-5:30 PM
- Sat, Sep 10, 2016 - Sun, Sep 11, 2016
 - 11:30 AM-5:30 PM
- Sat, Sep 17, 2016 - Sun, Sep 18, 2016
 - 11:30 AM-5:30 PM
- Sat, Oct 08, 2016 - Sun, Oct 09, 2016
 - 11:30 AM-5:30 PM
- Sat, Oct 15, 2016 - Sun, Oct 16, 2016
 - 11:30 AM-5:30 PM
- Sat, Oct 22, 2016 - Sun, Oct 23, 2016
 - 11:30 AM-5:30 PM
- Sat, Oct 29, 2016 - Sun, Oct 30, 2016
 - 11:30 AM-5:30 PM
- Sat, Nov 05, 2016 - Sun, Nov 06, 2016
 - 11:30 AM-5:30 PM

Swannanoa Palace Open House. Major James Dooley, an executive with the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Company, completed construction of the \$2 million Swannanoa in 1912. Dooley, who owned the Maymont estate in Richmond, built this 52-room marble palace as a token of love for his wife, Sally May. More than 300 artisans were hired to create the palace as a replica of the Villa de Medici in Rome. They used the highest quality materials available. Visitors today can still see the depth of James and Sally May's relationship in places like the 4,000 piece Tiffany stained-glass window and a domed ceiling bearing the likeness of Mrs. Dooley. The name Swannanoa comes from Mrs. Dooley's fondness for swans, which she liked because they choose their mates for a lifetime. Admission payment by cash or check only. No credit cards. 540-942-5201. 497 Swannanoa Lane, Afton, VA 22920